




Council District Six
City of San Diego

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2004

TO: City Manager Lamont Ewell

FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye 

SUBJECT: Balboa Avenue Weed and Debris Abatement

Since the transfer of the Balboa Avenue from the State to the City of San Diego, there has been confusion as to who is responsible for clearing the undeveloped street right-of-way less than ten feet back from the curb. We have received conflicting information from the City's Street Division and Environmental Services Department (Please see attached letters from these departments).

There are numerous property owners who feel unsafe maintaining this area due to the highway-like speeds of motorists on Balboa Avenue. In addition, the weeds grow to heights that make visibility at the intersecting streets difficult.

At the request of several community members, I would like clarification of the department responsible for clearing and cutting overgrown weeds and excessive trash on the north side of Balboa Avenue between Mount Everest Avenue and Clairemont Drive.

If it is determined that the City is responsible for maintaining this right-of-way, we would like documentation stating that appropriate action will be taken to maintain it on a regular basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your timely response is greatly appreciated.

CC: Mario Sierra- Deputy Director, Streets Division
Elmer Heap- Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department